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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body hens and toms generally steady. Demand and trading for fresh whole turkeys remains good. Most processors continue to be focused on the remaining time before the Thanksgiving holiday. Sales of frozen light to moderate and for prompt deliveries. Inquiry for frozen was light. Bulk parts and meats trading and demand was slow and seasonal.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light to moderate. Sales centered on frozen tom drums. Exporters remain cautious and taking a wait and see attitude.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-72	67-72	70.12	205	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	63	63.00	8	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	68-72	69-72	70.50	42	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-72	69-72	70.50	210	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	69-72	70.04	522	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63.5	63.5	63.50	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	55	55.00	760	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 15, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	70.42	74.00**
CENTRAL REGION	70.12	70.93	74.00
WESTERN REGION	70.04	70.67	74.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00	60.82	68.09
CENTRAL REGION	63.49	62.25	66.57
WESTERN REGION	55.00	57.04	68.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-NOV-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.58	6700	78.72	9580
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.58	6700	78.72	9580
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	515,338*
NOVEMBER 1-9, 2002	150,103*
To date 2002	4,514,997*
To date 2001	4,545,535*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	970	0	22.76	(A)	976 22.76
SATL	1,030	14	26.30	(A)	1,036 26.30
N CENT	2,544	10	30.06	(A)	2,550 30.06
S CENT	558	3	20.70	(A)	564 20.70
WEST	838	16	22.04	(A)	844 22.04
U.S. TOTAL	5,940(B)	926.45	30	5,970	26.45

TO-DATE

2002 210,497(B) 466 210,963

TO-DATE

2001 218,856(B) 530 219,386

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 87,000; for the year 2,455,000; last year to date 2,069,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,585		3,268	87	30
5,970					
AVG WT	16.17		34.60	24.04	32.75
26.45					
LAST WEEK	2,352		3,035	63	37
5,487					
SAME WK YR AGO	2,705		3,152	30	4
5,891					
AVG WT	16.04		32.94	24.68	25.96
25.14					
TO-DATE/2002	83,751		124,291	2,455	466
210,963					
TO-DATE/2001	91,596		125,191	2,069	530

219,386

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 NOVEMBER 2002.

The undertone on tom 2-joint wings was barely steady to weak with trading noted at lower trending price levels for domestic shipments, balance of parts mostly steady with hen 2-joint wings in the strongest position. The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to sometimes weak. Demand seasonally light with excess offerings noted at lower trending price levels as the industry concentrates on fresh whole turkeys for the upcoming holiday weekend.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	20.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	20.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	80
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	17
NECKS, HEN		R	14.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	140.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	165.00	40
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		R	81.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	113.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	51.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	20.18	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	52.85	264

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, balance of white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light on white meat. Rib breast inquiry light to instances fair on 4-8 lb. sizes with interest noted for December shipments, fair to good institutional sizes. Tom breast meat offerings were adequate to instances burdensome, balance of boneless white meat ranged adequate to fully adequate. Rib breast offerings ranged light to instances adequate with 10-16 lb. sizes the least available. The market on bulk parts was mostly steady with some increased unsettledness noted. The undertone on thigh meat and MST was mixed, varying by seller. Fresh wing meat 54, fresh ground breast trim 89, frozen Grade A non-basted breasts: 4-8 lb. 122-125, 8-10 lb. 98-100, 10-12 lb. 108-110, 12-14lb. 112-118 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WEEKLY AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	138.00		138.00	20	151.71	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	80	93.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.38	196	20.00	241
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.50	80	19.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-24.00		21.74	132	22.18	203
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00-22.00		21.74	100	21.74	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-26.00		23.33	60	22.80	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	48.00		48.00	12	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM	13.00-20.00		14.46	148	14.53	170
NECKS, HEN	13.00		13.00	14	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	140.00	80	140.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-165.00		156.76	165	156.76	165
THIGH MEAT	53.00-54.00		53.38	78	53.41	82
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	40	55.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	113.00		113.00	40	113.00	65
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00		55.00	80	55.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.50	40	18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	60	16.00	60
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.82	448	20.61	672
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208	22.25	208
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-19.00		18.50	80	18.97	444
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.50		47.50	52	50.13	616

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